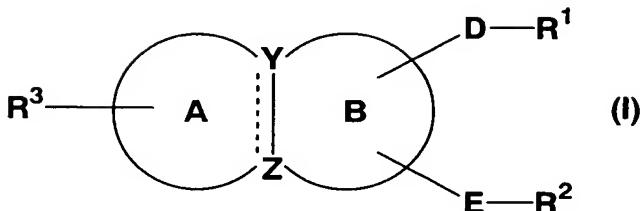


Abstract

The present invention relates to a compound of formula (I)



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(wherein all symbols have the same meanings as described hereinbefore). The compound antagonizes cysLT<sub>2</sub> and therefore, it is useful as an agent for the prevention and/or treatment of respiratory diseases such as bronchial asthma, 10 bronchial asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonectasia, chronic bronchitis, pneumonia (e.g. interstitial pneumonitis etc.), severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), allergic rhinitis, sinusitis (e.g. acute sinusitis, chronic 15 sinusitis, etc.), and the like, or as an expectorant or antitussives.